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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 8442.0002-02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Joseph C. CAUTHEN ) Group Art Unit: 3738  
Application No.: 10/075,615 ) Examiner: U. Chattopadhyay  
Filed: February 15, 2002 )  
For: SPINAL DISC ANNULUS ) Confirmation No.: 2841  
RECONSTRUCTION METHOD AND )  
SPINAL DISC ANNULUS STENT )

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Respectfully submitted,

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